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the cylindrical rings being positioned relative to each other so that the substantially U-shaped members of adjacent cylindrical rings are out of phase.

REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/556,516, filed November 13, 1995, for which the issue fee has been paid. Claims 2-24 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 32-44 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment. No new matter is believed to be presented as all of new claims are fully supported by the specification and drawings. Thus, claims 32-44 are pending in the application and early consideration and allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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